

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WARRIOR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

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October 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1887

OFFICERS:

C. J. BARKSDALE, MODERATOR

Albany, Ala.

W. H. JONES, CLERK

Good Springs, Ala.

J. D. HENDRICKS, TREASURER

Liberty, Ala.

The next Session will be held with Harmony Baptist Church on Friday
before the third Sabbath in October, 1888.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read letters.
2. Elect officers.
3. Invite ministers and call for correspondents.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appoint committees
 - On Devotion.
 - On Deceased Ministers.
 - On Sabbath Schools.
 - On Nominations.
 - On Missions.
 - On Finance.
 - On Education.
 - On Temperance.
6. Call for report of Treasurer.
7. Elect Executive Committee.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Appoint Messengers to State Convention.
10. Provide for printing minutes.
11. Call for report of committees.
12. Miscellaneous business.

MINUTES.

The Warrior River Association convened with Austin Creek Church, October 14, 1887.

Introductory Sermon by Elder R. W. Roe. Text: Revelations, 22d chapter, 14th verse.

After refreshments, the Association was called to order by Moderator E. J. Barksdale.

Prayer by Elder W. L. Casey.

Brethren G. S. Sloan, S. J. Cox and E. P. Patterson appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters from churches presented the following messengers :

Austin Creek—Elder E Bowerman, E K Head, J Fail.

Antioch—J W Pate, J D Hendricks, J M Smith, J T Campbell.

Albertville—Elder E J Barksdale, Elder S J Collier, J G Medlock.

Blue Springs—S W Nixon, William Jarrell, W D Kimbrough.

Bethel—W B Sanders, W F Dempsey, R F Holmes.

Beulah—Elder J D Jordan, G M Milner.

Bethlehem—R Henderson, E Thrasher.

Bethany—J S Robinson, A D Amon, J H Haley, J A Teal.

Clear Springs—Jno Ricketts, W P Goodwin.

Dry Creek—Louis T Chetwood, J M Pass, H H Horton.

Friendship—C C Collins, J W Bobo, J H Fowler, L M Turner, W Claburn.

Harmony—L A Dorman, W L Ellison, A F Whitley and B. Stephens.

Hopewell—F M Warrick.

Liberty Hill—W L Taylor, D H Campbell and E M Cox.

Liberty—Elder G B Carnes, James Carnes, J T Stephens, and J F Morris, A G Griffin.

Mt. Tabor—Elder W M Cole, W H Jones, B M. Adams and J Ratliff.

Mt. Pleasant—J C McConnel, Thomas Srugs and Jno. W Green.

Mt. Carmel—P Bellew, J T Blalock and Samuel Tidmore.

Mt. Olive—W A Duvall.

Mt. Pisgah—J B Alexander, G E Bayne:

Mt. Zion—W A Paris.

Mt. Vernon—J K Bradberry.

Macedonia—Y B Rhodes, A J McCarly.

New Prospect—W B Debter, Joseph Johnson and Henry Wilson.

New Macædonia—Elder R W Roe.

Pleasant Grove—Letter.

Pleasant Hill—C Hawkins, W J Morton, J R Stewart and J C Oden.

Pine Bluff—Not represented.

Shoal Creek—Not represented.

Shiloh—L M Teal, and V A Claburn.

Sardis—D P Carr and P J Brazil.

Rehoboth—James B Dorsey.

Rock Springs—Elder W J Collier, W H Lyon, W C Goodman.

White Plains—Not represented.

The body was permanently organized by the election of Elder E. L. Barksdale, Moderator; W. H. Jones, Clerk.

Received—Elder P. M. Musgrove, J M Stewart, J. Small, Correspondents from Cullman Association.

Received—Elders G. S. Sloan, J. W. Trotter, Correspondents from Sulphur Springs Association.

Also, received Elder P. J. Corley, from Mt. Carmel Association.

The Moderator appointed Bro. B. M. Adams, J. T. Stephens, and Deacons of Austin Creek Church, Committee on Devotion.

Petitionary Letters received from Brooksville and Big Warrior churches, churches admitted and the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Petitionary letter from Friendship Church presented and tabled.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Association convened at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. C. C. Collins.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Deceased Ministers—H. C. Reed, W. J. Collier, E. M. Bowerman.

Sabbath Schools—Elders R. W. Roe, J. D. Jordan, J. A. Oden.

Missions—G. M. Miller, N. D. Kimbrough, J. K. Bradberry.

Finance—W. L. Ellison, A. F. Whitley, G. M. Milner.

Education—W. M. Cole, J. Ratliff, E. K. Head.

Temperance—C. C. Collins, R. W. Roe, S. T. Collier.

Nominations—W. H. Lyon, J. Ratliff, J. Medlock.

Documents—W.D. Kimbrough, S. L. Jarrel, J. D. Jordan.

Minutes of first day's session read and adopted.

Suspended regular order of business, and prepared following resolutions and motions:

Resolved, That this body rescind act of last Association, making ministers ex-officio members, it being contrary to thirteenth article of the constitution.

Resolved, That this Association will not recognize the letters or messengers of any church, or faction of a church, who are in strife or confusion, it being the interest of this resolution to shape the policy of this body, that it will forever, put a stop to the practice of asking this body to set in judgment on church difficulties.

Passed the following motion:

That the letters from all factions of churches, now in hands of the Clerk, be returned to the messengers representing such factions, with the advise to go home and settle their differences and come back in order.

Bro. Burns asked to be received as correspondent, with letter, from Sulphur Springs Association. Received and hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

On motion of Bro. P. G. Aldridge,

Resolved, That the action of the Association last year, in recognizing or receiving the letter of a part of Friendship Church, is hereby rescinded; and the letters are hereby returned to both parties, with the advice to go home and settle their differences.

Adjourned for one hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. Burns.

Resumed regular order of business, and received and adopted report on Deceased Ministers.

REPORT.

Your committee report that we have no knowledge of the death of any minister, by the reading of the church letters or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. REID, Ch'man.

Report on Temperance adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee are proud to report that the temperance cause is gaining ground. We find that almost all denominations are taking this great Bible truth to heart, not only introducing it into the churches, but in forcing its principles around the fireside, and we are persuaded that we, as Baptist, should rise as a unit in protesting against this evil that is burying hundreds

of our race annually, filling our land with widows and orphans. our jails and penitentiaries with victims.

Brethren, may the Lord help us, as representatives of the mystic body of our Saviour, to persuade all men to live soberly and righteously.

R. W. ROE, Ch'man.

Adopted Report on Nominations.

REPORT.

Your committee recommend that J. D. Jordan preach the Introductory Sermon ; alternate, A. Dorman. Missionary Sermon, W. M. Cole ; alternate, W. J. Collins. Sabbath School Address by S. T. Collier.

W. H. LYON, Ch'man.

Report on Missions adopted.

REPORT.

We are glad to report a marked improvement in the contributions sent up for missions at this session of the Association, a large majority having contributed to that cause. We would earnestly exhort our brethren, to continued and increased effort in the glorious work of promulgating the gospel, until it shall be preached in all the world. And that while we endeavor to supply destitution in our own bounds, we forget not to lend a helping hand to the region beyond. A large majority of the contributions sent up at this session is designed missions, yet we are glad to note that Home Missions, which includes our southern land, and Foreign Missions have received some aid from us. While we pray "thy kingdom come," let us be careful to labor, and to give for the consultations of this glorious end. May the Lord enlarge our liberality for this cause.

G. M. MILNER, Ch'man.

Received and adopted report of the Executive Committee.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT.

The committee, finding eighty-nine dollars in the treasury, for missionary purposes, agreed with Rev. S. T. Collier to labor in the bounds of this Association eighty-nine days, beginning the first day of January, for which they paid him. Bro. Collier preferring not to abandon his work, though the treasury was exhausted, continued his labors with the understanding with the committee that he should be paid, provided the money could be raised. As to the amount of work performed we refer you to his report. And as to the amount paid him we refer you to the Treasurer.

We believe Bro Collier has performed faithful and efficient services. All the work was done under instructions from Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of State Board, and we take this occasion to express our high appreciation of his valuable assistance.

L. S. EMMETT, Ch'man.

Adopted report on Documents

REPORT.

On examination of letters we find that Harmony asks the Association to convene with her. Two Churches, Sardis and Antioch call for District meeting. Harmony, Mt Pleasant, New Prospect and Bethel ask for a division of the association.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. D. KIMBROW.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are glad to report that our denomination is fully abreast with

other's in the interest of education, and it seems to us, that a high school located somewhere in the association, under the direction and fostering care of the association would be for some time a pillar of strength for our denomination. We also take pleasure in reporting the fact of the removal of our Denominational College from Marion, to Birmingham; as it is much nearer us, and doubtless will as it should, receive a hearty support from our denomination. We also take pleasure in again recommending the Judson Female Institut, located at Marion,

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. COLE, Chairman.

Leave of absence granted Brothren R. W. Roe, Carr and Brazil,

Adopted report on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT.

We are glad to note, that this important question is being considered by the majority of our people. Parents are looking to the moral, and Spiritual interest of their children, by implanting in their minds the principles of the religion, of our Lord. God's word makes it obligatory upon us to train up our children in the way they should go; that when old they may not depart from it. Let us train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, which will make better children, better Fathers and Mothers, better Citizens of our country, and lead them to higher aspirations and a blessed immortality.

Respectfully submitted

R. W. ROE, Chairman.

Received and adopted report of Treasurer:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

John D. Hendricks in Account with Warrior River Association—

DR.

To balance from last report.....	\$ 24 25
To amount of collection last Association.....	57 30
“ “ Collected from Antioch.....	3 55
“ “ Harmony \$5.50, Albertville \$3.10.....	8 60
“ “ Friendship \$1, Macedonia \$3.....	4 00
“ “ Mt. Pleasant \$1.75, Rock Springs \$5.....	5 75
“ “ Rehoboth \$1.50, Mt. Vernon \$3.75.....	5 25
“ “ Liberty \$3.45, Beulah \$3.50.....	6 95
“ “ Liberty Hill \$2.50, Blue Springs 55 cents.....	3 05
“ “ Pleasant Grove 75 cents, am't col. by Bro. Collier \$5.35.....	6 10
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	\$125 90

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By amount paid S. T. Collier, per voucher.....\$125 90

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN D. HENDRICKS, Treasurer.

Received and adopted report of Missionary :

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Days of services.....	\$2 00
Miles traveled.....	1,360
Sermons delivered.....	105
Churches constituted.....	2
Baptized.....	6

Received by letter.....	25
Restored.....	7
Baptized by others in connection with my labors	69
Sunday Schools organized.....	13
Sunday School Addresses.....	26
Prayer Meetings organized.....	20
Prayer Meetings held.....	45
Number of Churches visited.....	33
Religious visits to families.....	193
Amount received for services from Treasurer..	\$125 90

S. T. COLLIER,

Missionary Warrior River Association.

	MINUTES.	STATE MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Pleasant Grove.....	\$ 80	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	1 70	.....	.....
Sardis.....	1 35	.....	.....
Rock Springs.....	1 50	.....	.....
Rehoboth.....	60	.....	.....
Brookville.....	75	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	1 00	.....	.....
Big Warrior.....	25	.....	.....
R. Holmes.....	.....	\$ 1 00	.....
W. B. Sanders.....	.....	1 00	.....
E. J. Barksdale.....	.....	1 00	50
Sabbath Collections.....	.....	13 75	.....
Total.....	\$37 50	\$66 00	\$11 35

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. ELLISON, Chairman.

Elected, Bro. John D. Hendricks, Treasurer.

Elected, Brethren Jno. D. Hendricks, P. G. Aldridge, A. F. Whitley, W. L. Ellison, R. M. Holmes and W. B. Sanders, Executive Committee, and instructed the committee to employ a Missionary during the Summer months, in accordance with means at their disposal.

Granted-letters of dismission to the following churches: New Macedonia, Beulah, Albertville, Rehoboth, Rock Springs, Mt. Zion, Bethany, Shiloh, Hopewell, Mt. Olive, Pleasant Hill.

Elected, Brethren W. B. Sanders, J. D. Sanders, J. D. Hendricks, P. G. Aldridge, committee to revise Constitution and By-Laws.

Adopted report on finance:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	MINUTES.	STATE MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Austin Creek.....	\$ 90	\$2 00	\$3 50
Antioch.....	1 30	5 00	....
Albertville.....	1 50	6 40	....
Blue Springs.....	80	....	....
Bethel.....	1 50	....	....
Beulah.....	2 00	....	5 70
Bethlehem.....	1 00	....	....
Bethany.....	1 30	75	....
Clear Springs.....	1 00	2 50	....
Dry Creek.....	60	....	....
Harmony.....	2 05	5 00	....
Hopewell.....	1 00	....	....
Liberty Hill.....	1 20	....	....
Liberty.....	1 40	10 00	....
Mt. Tabor.....	1 90	4 60	1 40
Mt. Pleasant.....	1 20	....	....
Mt. Carmel.....	1 50	....	....
Mt. Olive.....	1 10	....	....
Mt. Pisgah.....	1 50	....	....
Mt. Zion.....	1 55	....	....
Mt. Vernon.....	1 20	....	....
Macedonia.....	1 40	....	....
New Prospect.....	75	5 00	....
New Macedonia.....	50	3 00	....

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Ordered that Clerk receive \$10 for services, balance of minute fund appropriated for printing and distribution of minutes.

Resolved, That this Association will not fellowship, any church who has as a pastor, any minister whose church has been dropped from the fellowship of this Association, for any cause.

Resolved, That a committee of three be elected to revise constitution and by-laws of this Association, to report at next session, and this resolution is notice that the report will be acted on at next annual session of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Austin Creek church, and vicinity for hospitable entertainment of messengers and visiting brethren.

Divine services during session, on Saturday at 11 o'clock, by Elders G. S. Sloan and Newbern.

At 3 o'clock, by Elders Trotter and Corley.

At night by Elders Bryant and Trotter.

Sabbath address by Elders Milner and Jordan.

Mission Sermon by Elder E. J. Barksdale, after which a collection was taken up, amounting to \$13.75.

Services at 2 o'clock by Elder Sloan.

Adopted minutes of session, and adjourned to meet with Harmony church, on Friday before 3rd Sabbath in October, 1888.

E. J. BARKSDALE, Moderator,

W. H. JONES, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E J Barksdale.....	Albertville, Ala.
J E Bagwell.....	Fowler, "
G Bayne.....	Lowry, "
E M Bowerman.....	Blountsville, "
Coleman Buckner.....	Lowery, "
W M Cole.....	Blountsville, "
C C Collins.....	Friendship, "
S T Collier.....	Albertville, "
W J Collier.....	Sidney, "
J W Crumley.....	Anderton, "
A Dorman.....	Balm, "
James Fields.....	Blountsville, "
C C Grego.....	Lumpkin, "
J D Jordan.....	Marshall, "
J L Logan.....	" "
G M Milner.....	Lot, "
M F Owen.....	Marshall, "
J A Odom.....	" "
John D Pittit.....	Walnut Grove, "
R W Roe.....	Lot, "
J D Thompson.....	" "

THE PRIOR RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S STATISTICS FOR 1887

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE OF CHURCH CLERKS.	Membership last Reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Mem- ber- ship.	SUNDAY SCHOOL			Preaching Sab- bath.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erease.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	
Austin Creek.....	Blount	E. Bowerman	A. R. Head	Blountsville.....	75	7	1			11	2		2	75				1st
Antioch.....	"	— May		Liberty.....		2	4		1	2	2		3	83				3rd
Albertville.....	Marshall	E. J. Barale	J. T. Hanerick	Albertville.....		14	10			19			1	1 10	4	60		4th
Blue Springs.....	"	P. J. Corley	W. D. Kinabrough	Sidney.....		4	5			5				67				4th
Bethel.....	Blount	J. D. Pett	W. B. Sanders	Wynnsville.....		7	5			17	5			49				4th
Bulah.....	Marshall	J. D. Jordan	J. J. Bishop	Marshall.....		10	4			15			1	73	7	60		3rd
Bethlehem.....	Etawah	D. Carr	S. T. Benton	Aurora.....						2				20				1st
Bethany.....	Marshall	A. Dorman	L. W. Jones	Bartlett.....		7	8			2				33				1st
Clear Springs.....	"	R. W. Roe	W. P. Goodwin	Sidney.....						2				58				3rd
Dry Creek.....	Blount	J. W. Crum	L. T. Chitwood	Anderton.....		3	4			2				19				1st
Harmony.....	Blount	C. C. Collins	W. L. Ellison	Balm.....		10	3			5	2		1	1 12				1st
Hopewell.....	Blount	J. Z. Bagwell	H. J. Phillips	Rid Hill.....		2	1			3	1			40				4th
Liberty Hill.....	Blount	E. M. Bowman	E. M. Cox	Haladah.....		8	3			4	3			71				2nd
Liberty.....	Blount	R. W. Inzer	J. T. Stephens	Lowry.....			1		1				1	1 09		60		4th
Mt. Tabor.....	Blount	— May	J. H. Dunlap	Gum Springs.....	48	1			1	2				48				2nd
Mt. Pleasant.....	Blount	C. C. Collins	John W. Green	Wynnsville.....			2			12			2	50				3rd
Mt. Carmel.....	Blount	T. S. Logan	J. T. Blalock	Murphy's Valley.....		3	1			6	1			50				1st
Mt. Olive.....	Marshall	P. J. Corley	W. C. Ward	Guntersville.....			9							47				2nd
Mt. Pisgah.....	Etawah	A. Dorman	John Nix			4	4	2					1	48				
Mt. Zion.....	Decalb.	A. J. Noblet	W. K. Amos	Marshall.....	22	12	5		2	2	2		1	36				4th
Mt. Vernon.....	Marshall	G. B. Wade	J. K. Bradberry	Albertville.....		6	7			3			1	72				1st
Macedonia.....	Blount	J. E. Bagwell	A. J. McCarty	McLarty.....	58		6			3				44				2nd
New Prospect.....	Blount	C. P. McDonald	W. D. Debbert							15	4		1	58				2nd
New Macedonia.....	Marshall	R. W. Roe	J. R. Mays	Lot.....	26		2			2				26				2nd
Pleasant Grove.....	"	E. J. Barksdale	H. M. Mahan			1	2			4				39	1			1st
Pine Bluff.....	"																	
Pleasant Hill.....	"	C. C. Collins	J. F. Jenken		25					7				18	1			1st
Shoal Creek.....	"																	
Shiloh.....	"	orman	G. M. Miller	Red Apple.....		5	8			3			1	29				3rd
Sardis.....	Etawah	Horton	J. C. Vaughan			8	4			4	3			69				3rd
Rehoboth.....	Marshall	Thompson	J. P. Whitman	Guntersville.....	36									36				
Rock Springs.....	"	Collier	W. C. Goodwin	Sidney.....		13	4			2	4		2	1 00				4th
Big Warrior.....	Blount	Bowerman	R. H. Harden	Big Warrior.....										7				
Brooksville.....	Blount	McDonald	R. G. Aldridge	Brooksville.....			18			1				12				4th
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